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Weare Cable Committee Monthly Meeting
July 27, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office

Present: Chairman Brad Macualey, Willis Ottery, Paul Hague, Myles Rigney, Stephen Flanders
Guest: Heleen Kurk

Chairman Brad Macualey called the meeting to order at 7:10. He proceeded to inform the committee that he could no longer remain chairman due to job commitments. He would however, remain on the committee as a member.

Steve Flanders was nominated, seconded and supported unanimously as the next chairman. Brad asked for someone to volunteer to take minutes. Heleen Kurk volunteered.

There was a discussion about the need for those on the committee to attend meetings and be actively involved in the running and needs of the cable committee. Steve will write letters to those on the committee that have not been active for a period of time to see if they want to continue on the committee. It is hard to get a quorum when members don't attend. It is also hard to provide services when few participate. Myles made a suggestion that students from Mr. Geddes media program (Weare Middle School) be invited as junior cable members. Steve will contact Mr. Geddes to follow up on his involvement with the cable committee as well as the possibility of having his students involved. Myles will contact Officer Peterson who in turn will contact Principal Aaronson at John Stark High School to see if there are any high school student who are interested in being involved with the cable committee.

Paul asked that there be training on how to use the cable equipment so that there could be more programming. The whole committee needs to work with and help whoever is putting in the new system (Walter Bohlin). Everyone needs to support and work with Walter. Once the new equipment is fully installed (Walter is away on a work assignment) the cable company should be able to offer some training.

There was much discussion about the state of the present equipment. Some of the working equipment includes: 3 cameras, VCR (they all have head problems), VHS/VCR Playback, monitor (has short but works), old and new editing system. Once all the new equipment is properly installed lines on the TV will disappear.

Will opened up a discussion about the need for volunteers and someone to have as there sole responsibility developing and scheduling volunteers when the new system is in place. Donna Osborne was mentioned as someone to contact.

A letter from Mr. Craig Fuhrmann was received and discussed. He made many good suggestions on what to program and how to improve programming.

Everyone was enthusiastic to have him participate in the cable committee. Steve will contact him and ask him to join the committee (perhaps as an alternate since he goes south during the winter).

There was a discussion about cable availability in other places in town.

There are drops in the Safety Complex. There is nothing at John Stark High School. Center Woods Elementary School has cable in the music room and it can be hooked up to the gym.

Steve will make copies of the old cable committee policy and distribute them to committee members. There will be discussion, updates and revisions at the next cable committee meeting which will be Tuesday, August 24, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office building. Steve will take over as chairman.

Following the meeting the committee will get a tour_ of the equipment in the cable room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

It was noted at the close of the meeting that sound had not been transmitted. A cable was plugged into the wrong outlet. It has been corrected.

Minutes submitted by Heleen Kurk